



**Town of Clayton
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 28, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
Council Chambers**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor McLeod
Mayor Pro Tem Thompson
Council Member Grannis
Council Member Holder
Council Member Bunn
Council Member Everett

STAFF PRESENT:

Nancy Medlin, Deputy Town Manager
Katherine Ross, Town Attorney
Kimberly Moffett, Town Clerk
Heidi Holland, Deputy Town Clerk
Stacy Beard, Communications Director
Ann Game, Customer Service Director
Dale Medlin, Electrical Department Supervisor
Joy Garrettson, Library Director
J.D. Solomon

COUNCIL ABSENT:

1 CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

- a) Mayor McLeod called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. He led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Town Manager Resignation

Attorney Ross stated that Mr. Lindsay tendered his resignation, effective September 1, 2020. She shared details regarding his severance package which will be one year of current salary at \$173,386.72.

Mayor McLeod shared comments about Mr. Lindsay and shared some of the accomplishments during his tenure. He stated he was truly appreciative of his dedication and commitment to the town.

ACTION: Motion to Accept Resignation

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson
Second: Council Member Grannis
Vote: Unanimous

- b) Appointment of Interim Town Manager

Attorney Ross provided details regarding the proposed appointment of J.D. Solomon as the Interim Town Manager. Details regarding his employment

contract included a start date of September 1, 2020 and end date February 28, 2021, with contract extension possible. Additionally his salary would be \$24,000 per month during this time and no benefits would be provided.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson stated the council was dedicated to providing a sustainable future for Clayton. He stated one of the most important projects in Clayton currently is our Wastewater Project and J.D. Solomon will lead that project as well as many other projects.

Council Member Grannis echoed the sentiments of Mayor Pro Tem Thompson and shared additional details about Mr. Solomon; including he is a long time resident of Clayton, a former member of the Planning Board and has worked as consultant on many projects for the town. The council looks forward to working together and having him as part of the team.

Mr. Solomon stated he has lived in Clayton for 30 years, was a member the Clayton Planning Board for 8 years, instrumental in the building of our current town hall and many other large projects for the town. Additionally, he has also traveled the US and worked with many cities. He stated he was excited to fill in the gap and will do his absolute best to keep the town moving forward and thanked the council for the opportunity. He stated this is a huge job. He stated he has been here for the good times and the bad times. He said we have tough stuff to get through but we will absolutely do it together. He stated he would always give the council the full truth and looked forward to working with both council and staff. He spoke about the community and ensuring the services we provide them are what they want and need. He stated an important main focus is where the town will be in 5-10 years from now. He spoke about the wastewater treatment plant and stated it will keep moving forward. He spoke about the economy and uncertainties regarding budget. He addressed the huge project of updating our UDO. He further stated he believed we need to keep growing our staff and prepare for the next town manager and offered his appreciation for this opportunity.

Mayor McLeod offered his thanks to J.D. for his willingness to step up in this leadership role and continue to move the Town of Clayton forward.

Mayor McLeod stated that the vote to accept Mr. Lindsay resignation came on the heels of a COVID outbreak in the Fire Department and wanted to assure everyone this decision had absolutely nothing to do with that. He reiterated that our Fire Department had done and has always done everything to keep the community and themselves safe. He offered his sincere appreciation for all the prayers and support being sent to the Fire Department and our firefighters and their families.

ACTION: Motion to Appoint Interim Town Manager

Motion: Council Member Holder
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson
Vote: Unanimous

3 ADJOURNMENT

a) Adjourn the Meeting

With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

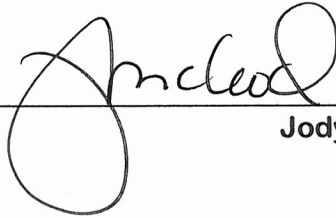
ACTION: Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson

Second: Council Member Holder

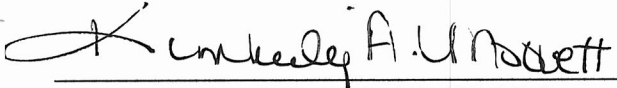
Vote: Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 8th day of September, 2020 while in regular session.



Jody L. McLeod
Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly A. Moffett, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

